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SUBJECT: INTERFLUG EFFORTS TO EXPAND SERVICES TO THE WEST

REFS A) USBERLIN 1143, B) BONN 6193 (NOTALL
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1. ON MAY 10, FRENCH DEPUTY POLAD LASSUS TOLD US
DEPUTY POLAD THAT HE HAD AT LONG LAST WORMED OUT ADMISSION
FROM AIR FRANCE REPRESENTATIVE HERE THAT INTERFLUG
HAD APPROACHED AIR FRANCE WITH A PROPOSAL TO OPERATE
JOINTLY A SERVICE BETWEEN SCHOENEFELD AND PARIS.
AIR FRANCE HAD REPLIED THAT IT HAD NO INTEREST IN SUCH
A SERVICE BUT THAT IT HAD NO OBJECTION TO INTERFLUG'S
OPERATING BETWEEN SCHOENEFELD AND PARIS. LASSUS HAD
THEN SETN A TELEGRAM OF PROTEST TO PARIS ASKING THE
QUAI D'ORSAY TO ENSURE THAT INTERFLUG WOULD NOT
RECEIVE PERMISSION FOR SUCH A SERVICE. (COMMENT:
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AIR FRANCE REPRESENTATIVE HERE, MADAME PLANET, IS
MARRIED TO FRENCH SPANDAU GOVERNOR AND AK SECRETARY
MICHAEL PLANET AND IS FULLY AWARE OF BERLIN POLITICAL
CONSIDERATIONS).

2. BRITISH ACTING DEPUTY POLAD CARY THEN REPORTED
THAT AFTER INTERFLUG HAD MOUNTED ONE CHARTER FLIGHT

TO LONDON WITH A REQUEST FOR ELEVEN MORE, THE BRITISH HAD ASKED FOREIGN OFFICE TO PREVENT AUTHORIZATION OF THE ADDITIONAL ELEVEN FLIGHTS. FOREIGN OFFICE HAD APPARENTLY DONE THIS BECAUSE INTERFLUG HAS BEEN ASKING WHEN THE ANTICIPATED AUTHORIZATIONS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. CARY SAID THAT THE BRITISH IN BERLIN WERE TRYING TO KEEP BRITISH AIRWAYS AND BOARD OF TRADE ON A TIGHT REIN.

3. AS NOTED REFTEL BERLIN PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT INTERFLUG PLANNING TO BEGIN SCHEDULED TURBOPROP (IL-18, 100-PLUS SEATS) SERVICE FROM SCHOENEFELD TO TURKEY. PANAM AND AEROAMERICAN MANAGERS IN BERLIN TOLD US MAY 12 THAT THEIR TURKISH BOOKING AGENTS HAVE FIRM INFORMATION THAT THIS SERVICE WILL BEGIN JUNE 1 AND THAT INTERFLUG WILL OFFER AIRCRAFT AT ABOUT HALF WHAT PANAM/AEROAMERICA CAN.

4. COMMENT: THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT INTERFLUG IS VIGOROUSLY CARRYING OUT ITS PUBLICLY STATED INTENTION OF EXPANDING ITS AIR SERVICES AND THERE IS EQUALLY LITTLE DOUBT THAT PERMITTING INTERFLUG TO FLY TO THE WEST FROM SCHOENEFELD WOULD BE A MAJOR BLOW TO THE AIR SERVICES FROM WEST BERLIN ON WHICH THE CITY DEPENDS. BRITISH AND FRENCH HERE IN BERLIN ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO ENSURE THAT THEIR NATIONAL AIRLINES AND GOVERNMENTS DO NOT ALLOW RELATIVELY MINOR COMMERCIAL GAINS TO OUTWEIGH FAR MORE IMPORTANT POLITICAL ASPECTS INVOLVED IN THIS QUESTION. PAN AM HAS INTERLINE
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ARRANGEMENT FOR PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT WITH INTERFLUG WHEREBY INTERFLUG ACTS AS ITS AGENT IN THE GDR, BUT WE KNOW FROM RECENT VISIT OF PAN AM'S DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE, ELSAESSER, THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT HAS THUS FAR BROUGHT PAN AM ONLY A MINISCULE AMOUNT OF REVENUE.
GEORGE

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